Elementary Students Present Recital

The elementary piano class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix was presented in a recital June 4, at 8:00 p.m. at Appomattox Music Studio. "Musicals" are informal musical program given for relatives and friends followed by demonstrations showing class activities in rhythm, transposition and ensemble playing. Compositions created by individuals students were displayed. Following these activities refreshments were served.

The students performing were: Ann Caldwell, Townley Smoak, Lisa Campbell, Pam Scruggs, Sheila Mullins, Brett Marston, Janice Foster, Traci Schmutz, Lisa Williamson, Anne Hancock, and Kathy Beasley.

These students were awarded certificates of Merit by their teacher for successfully completing the year's studies. Also each one received Certificates and Pins from American College of Musicians for successfuly performing in National Piano Playing Auditions held in Lynchburg May 19, sponsored by National Guild of Piano Teachers and adjudicated by Mrs. Christina Young, of Bowie, Maryland.

Classical And Modern Recital Presented

An afternoon of Classical and Modern Music was presented by the intermediate students of the piano class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Appomattox Music Studio. Original piano compositions from modern and classic periods were performed, with each student introducing his piece with informative data about the composer and the musical form of the composition Refreshments were served.

The following students received certificates of merit from their teacher for completion of the year's work. Certificates and pins from National college of Musicians were awarded for students successful performance in the National Piano - Playing Auditions held in Lynchburg on May 19, sponsored by National Guild of Piano Teachers and adjudicated by Mrs. Christina Young, of Bowie, Maryland.

Those students receiving the above are: J. J. Dalton, Laurie Cowan, Karen Fratrick, Darlene Howard, Sharon Cheatham Rogers, Mike McCoy, Charles Womack, Roberta Womack.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

According to the calendar, summer began Tuesday, June 21, but hot, dry weather had been with us, so there was really no great change of pace. I peeped at the calendar to see when we might expect Winter, and find that it arrives on my birthday. What is your favorite time of the year? Mine is all of it.

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Away back in 1923, a popular song was Wendell Hall's tune, "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo." News reports indicate that our South is in desperate need of rain. Hot and dry in Dixie. Major crops and livestock are involved. As I write the weather forecaster says ten per cent chance of rain. How much does it take to call it a rain? Even a drizzle would help.

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A moment of excitment when we had to evacute our car due to the antics of a frisky bumblebee. Managed to get all windows open and eventually the uninvited guest took off toward Red House. I never advocated taking vicious swings at bees while trying to drive a car.

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An interesting feature article about an 87-year-old minister stated that he could hold a broom, one hand gripping each end, and jump through without letting go. I dasn't even attempt such a feat. Doubt if'n I could chin myself on a low-hanging tree limb.

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Seems to me there are a lot of squirrels Around Appomattox this year. As one rides through town saw four squirrels, a rabbit and a black cat.

"The world is full of a number of things
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."
Robert Louis Stevenson

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My modest garden efforts are not in vain. Fetched in several spring onions already yet.

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Last week I mentioned that we have a bumper crop of gnats this year. In the write-up, I wrote that I found the word "gnat" in the Bible only in Matt. 23-24. One time. A valued reader phoned in that gnats were included in the plagues as told in Exodus. I checked with a local minister who I consider a Bible scholar and he checked with three concordances, Augustus Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of The Bible, Young's Concordance and Cruden's Concordance and advised me that "gnat" is mentioned only once. (one of the plagues was "flies") However, I have an American Revised Translation, which does use the word "gnats" in Exodus. Comment: proud to have readers who study The Bible, and with the Scriptures having been translated into so many languages and dialects by so many scholars over so many centuries it is no wonder that on occasion we find different words used but inspired unity of meaning remains.

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Sports dept. --- Saturday saw two ball games being played at the same time on local school diamonds. Needed: more fans to watch. And I note that Friday is Jack Dempsey's 82nd birthday. As to my long-time favorite New York Yankees, I hope for the best. Some sports writers are predicting that the Boston Red Sox and Cincinatti Reds will be World Series opponents.

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A friend brought me a picture, in color, of the way the San Antonio River now looks as it passes through San Antonio, Texas. Was unsightly when I was there some years ago, but now it is a thing of beauty. It is a wise investment to "make America Beautiful". Let us do our part here in this Historic Appomattox, A Growing Town and County. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

photo by Joe Vaughan

David Wayne Bryant

Appomattox Super Senior 1977

By Martha Ann Wilson

(Author's Note: It has been my pleasure to be David Bryant's Homebound Teacher for the past four years. During those four years we had not only a teacher-pupil relationship but also a wonderfully rewarding friendship. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bryant of Appomattox.)

During the Class Day Activities for the Class of 1977 at Appomattox County High School, the members of the class presented a most deserving young man with the highest honor a graduating class can bestow on one of its members. David Wayne Bryant was awarded a plaque which read: "Super Senior 1977 - David Wayne Bryant." No one deserved it more!

17-year old David has suffered from Chronic Kidney Diease since birth. He has been totally confined to a wheel chair for the past four years; however, he does not think of himself as "handicap p ed." Thanks to David's stout spirit, a most loving, caring family and a host of friends, his life is full and active.

He has been a valuable participant in Boy Scouts and was awarded the "Outstanding Scout" plaque in 1973-74. He is a member of the Central Virginia REACT Team and an avid "CB'er." He is a member of Liberty Baptist Church and attends regularly.

David collects both stamps and coins and loves plants. His collection of house plants is quite large and he delights in telling about each and every plant.

Another hobby is crocheting. David has made some beautiful afghans and one of his recent "creations" - a red, white and blue afghan was donated to the senior class at ACHS for a fund raising project to appropriate money for the class trip.

David likes both football and politics and corresponds with the "greats" in both these fields. He is an avid O. J. Simpson fan and even met "The Juice" in 1976 at a Buffalo Bills - Baltimore Colts game. David has received letters from many legislators and President Gerald Ford wished David "Happy Birthday" in 1975. Recently, David received a personally written letter from Billy Carter in Plains, GA. Billy even sent a picture of himself taken in front of Carter's Warehouse!

Happy and wise beyond his years, David looks forward to the future. His doctors ceased to make predictions about him long ago. They say that with David "anything is possible!" His mother feels that prayer and the best of medical help have brought David to today. He had a "perfect" school year: He was not sick or hospitalized at all! This in itself was an answer to a prayer.

Mr. L. G. Walton, Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools; Mr. Donald Armentrout, Principal of ACHS; and Mr. John McLean, Assistant Principal of ACHS, have all expressed feelings of pride in David's accomplishments. David is the first handicapped student to graduate from the county's school system; however, not the last, thankfully! More and more provisions are being made to accommodate handicapped students in the classroom and to see them through to graduation.

An inspiration to all who have the opportunity and privilege to know him, David has truly made the world a gift of himself.

Appointed To Tax Dept. Committee

Monte W. Mays, Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County, was appointed by Sam T. Barfield, President, Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, to a committee to meet with the Tax Department on June 20, Monday of this week, in Richmond for the purpose of reviewing income tax forms and instructions.

Each year the Department appoints a committee to give their suggestions and comments for improving the Virginia State Income Tax system.

In talking with Mays this week he said, "I feel honored to have been selected to attend this meeting. This enables me to stay abreast of all new changes in tax laws and helps me to assist the people better in filing their taxes."

APPOMATTOX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The Appomattox County School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 28th, 1977 at 5:00 p.m. in the School Board Office on Main Street. This will be the final meeting of the fiscal year.

Items of business on the agenda will include approval of bills and employment of new personnel.

LOCAL UNIT, ACS RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Cecil S. King, Jr., 1977 Division Crusade Chairman, American Cancer Society, of Arlington, third from left in above photo was in Appomattox on Friday to offer congratulations to the Appomattox County Chapter, American Cancer Society on their "splendid achievement in exceeding the 1977 goal." The Appomattox County Unit was first in the State of Virginia to reach its fair share goal for this year's crusade. Shown in photo with Mr. King are, left to right, Mrs. Janet Noble, Chairman of the annual Bike-A-Thon; Mrs. Beck Hudson, Co-Chairman of the local crusade; Mr. King; Mrs. Marge Mims, Co-Chairman of the local crusade; Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Chairman of Church solicistion; and Ruth Clingpeel, Area Crusade Chairman. Both Mrs. Mims and Mrs. Hudson gave credit for the successful crusade in our county to the volunteer workers and to the interest and generousity of the citizens of Appomattox County.

Canneries To Open July 1st.

The Appomattox and Pamplin School Community Canneries will begin operation Friday, July 1, for the 1977 canning season in an announcement made this week by Lloyd G. Walton, Superintendent of Schools for Appomattox County.

In an effort to conserve fuel the canneries will operate only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, at the beginning of the canning season. As volume increases, more days of the week will be used for canning purposes. If volume is not up to expectation, less days will be used. Patrons may call the cannery for information on canning dates. The canneries will be closed for all legal holidays - - July 4, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Each cannery will begin food processing at 8 a.m. each day that the cannery is in operation. Families are requested to bring in food between the hours of 8:00 - 12:30, and have all foods ready for processing by 1 p.m. Since only a limited amount of utensils are available at the cannery, patrons are requested to bring necessary clothes, pans, knives, etc. for preparing foods for processing. Lay instructors and other supervisory personnel will be available to instruct patrons in the use of cannery equipment as well as to demonstrate proper canning procedures. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed on cannery premises. Detailed rules and procedures for using the canneries will be given to each patron when they register to use the cannery facilities. Patron cooperation in following these procedures will greatly help in producing quality processed foods.

Can prices have been advanced this year because of a price increase in fuel oil and other maintenance costs. Prices which have been set by the School Board are as follows:

No. 303 (pint) - 14c each
No. 2½ (quart) - 18c each
No. 10 - 45c each

It is anticipated that the canneries in Appomattox County will have an adequate supply of cans.

Last year, the Appomattox and Pamplin Canneries processed only 70,000 cans of food. This was the lowest volume in a good number of years. The low volume was attributed to the very dry season for producing vegetables and the poor fruit season. With the current food shortages as well as inflated prices, it is expected that many persons in the County will be in processing foods in the canneries this season.

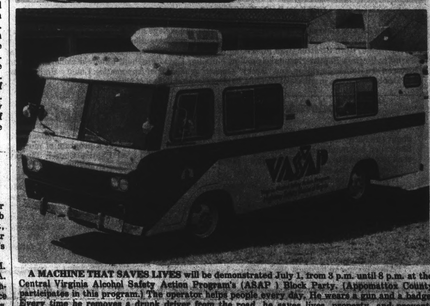
Lay instructors that will operate the canneries this year include Mary Ann McFadden and Boyd Humbles at the Appomattox Cannery, and Joyce VanDerVeer and Clayton Beale at the Pamplin Cannery. James Burcher will be in charge of supervision at the Pamplin Cannery and B. F. Sauls will supervise the Appomattox Cannery. W. C. Perrow is in charge of maintenance at both canneries. All three of the supervisory personnel are instructors of agricultural education in the Appomattox County Schools.

Lions To Install Officers Tonight

Officers for the 1977-78 year of the Appomattox Lions Club will be installed tonight, Thursday, when the regular meeting is held at Maude's Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

New officers will be John M. Fedison, president; James A. Beaty, 1st vice-president; Richard D. Robinson, 2nd vice-president; Robert W. Carter, 3rd vice-president; R. Murrell Ferguson, secretary-treasurer; Marvin J. House, lion tamer; Gerald D. Wilburn, tail twister; C. O'Brien, 1 year Director; Henry Chenault, 1 year Director; Cliff Harvey and John Hall, 2 year Directors. Joseph Coates will be the installing officer.

Every member of the Lions Club will want to be present for the installation.



A MACHINE THAT SAVES LIVES will be demonstrated July 1, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program's (ASAP) Block Party. (Appomattox County participates in this program.) The operator helps people every day. He wears a gun and a badge. Every time he removes a drunk driver from the road, he saves lives, property, and prevents injuries.

The machine is a breathalyser which is used by police to determine a person's blood alcohol content (BAC). "For the first time in Central Virginia," said L. T. Townes, ASAP Director, ASAP is having a Block Party to introduce people to their police, to talk about alcohol & driving, to hear the music of Genesis, and to enjoy a free Coke before driving this Holiday week end."

Lynchburg police officers will be giving tours through the Department's Crime Prevention Display Unit. The Highway Safety Division's Seat Belt Convincer simulates a safe, but impressive five M.P.H. Crash demonstrating the value of buckling up. VASAP's $30,000 was also returns to Central Virginia for the Block Party.

Activities begin on Friday afternoon at the corner of Langhorne and Atherholt Roads in Lynchburg. Townes said, "ASAP is a community program supported by clients' fees. we believe an informed public can make wise decisions about drinking and driving, especially over the Fourth of July Holiday."

Troopers May Ease Headache

(Reprint from THE NEWS, Lynchburg)

ROANOKE (AP) - Virginia state troopers will be more comfortable and drivers breaking traffic laws will be more vulnerable come July 1.

That's the date troopers can take off their Smokey Bear hats while driving their patrol cars.

The benefits to the troopers should be fewer complaints about stiff necks and headaches from wearing the heavy hats, particularly in smaller model patrol cars.

The disadvantage to traffic law violators is they no longer will be able to spot a trooper in an unmarked car by looking for the hat. And there will be more unmarked cars around.

A State Police spokesman says the decision to relax the regulations on wearing hats and to beef up the unmarked car fleet came after a self-evaluation by the department two years ago.

Some changes have been implemented already, but the department just now is getting around to changing its guidelines for uniforms.

Troopers had complained of headaches and stiff necks from having to wear the heavy hats all day long, so the department decided to change the rules.

But a trooper still must have his hat on when he steps out of his patrol car to help insure that people can identify him readily as a trooper.

The rules change is expected to reap a side benefit of slower speeds by drivers who won't be able to spot the troopers so easily in unmarked cars.

And the spokesman, Charles Vaughan, said as a result of the study there will be even more unmarked cars on the roads.

FIDELITY AMERICAN DECLARES DIVIDEND

LYNCHBURG, VA. - June 15 - The Board of Directors of Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., a Lynchburg-based registered bank holding company, has declared cash dividends of $.54 per share on its common stock and $1.50 per share on its cumulative convertible voting preferred stock, series A.

Both dividends are payable Aug. 1, 1977 to shareholders of record as of June 30, 1977.

FARMERS BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox has declared a semi-annual dividend of $.60 per share payable June 30, 1977 to Shareholders of record on June 15, 1977.

AREA TOBACCO MARKETING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TO MEET JULY 7

Members of the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Marketing Association residing in District 1, Appomattox County will meet at the Appomattox County Extension Office on July 7, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing a member to the Board of Directors for a three year term. Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Knoll Crest Farm To Host VPHA Field Day

Knoll Crest Farm and Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett of Red House will host the Virginia Polled Hereford Association Field Day on Saturday, June 25th.

This promises to be exciting, informative and fun! The day's festivities begin with a Junior Heifer Show and demonstra-

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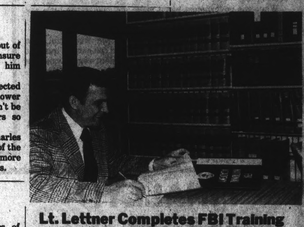

Lt. Lettner Completes FBI Training

Law enforcement officers of the 109th Session of the FBI National Academy were honored in graduation ceremonies at the FBI training facilities at Quantico at 10:30 a.m. on June 16, Attorney General Griffin B. Bell has announced.

General Louis H. Wilson, Jr., Commandment, United States Marine Corps was the principal speaker.

Lieutenant James L. Lettner, Appomattox, of the Virginia State Police was among these participating in the graduation. A total of 249 officers received their diplomas.

The graduation ceremonies concluded eleven weeks of executive-level training for the officers who came from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six foreign countries. In addition, the United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, and three Federal agencies were represented by officers in the graduating class.

Of these graduates, many will go on to assume executive-level positions within their departments. One of every five FBI National Academy graduates occupies the top executive position in his or her agency.

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